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Harold A. Lett is Consultant for the National Conference of Christians & Jews although now retired from its national staff. He brought to the Conference more than 40 years of experience as teacher, administrator, leader in public affairs and in employer-employee relations, retiring in 1966 from the post of national director of the Conference's program in Police and Community Relations.

A native of Michigan where he was born in 1896, Mr. Lett worked as secretary and labor recruiter for a Michigan manufacturing firm; later with the Michigan Department of Labor as chief of its statistical bureau, and with the Pittsburgh Urban League, before coming to Newark in 1934 as executive secretary of the New Jersey Urban League. He held the latter post until 1945 when he was named Assistant Director of the newly created New Jersey Division against Discrimination (now the Division on Civil Rights) with direct responsibility for compliance work in the investigation of complaints and development of conciliation efforts. From this post he retired

in June 1959. These experiences have equipped him particularly well for lecturing assignments in several management training programs conducted by governmental and industrial organizations of the country, including the U. S. Post Office Department, Federal Aviation Administration and Western Electric Co. More recently he was appointed as one of a nine-member Board of Visitors serving the U. S. Army Military Police School, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Mr. Lett was a member of the Newark Housing Authority from 1938 to 1942 and in 1952 served as president of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. An eloquent speaker and skilled discussion leader, he has lectured in over 40 colleges and universities, and to Police organizations, in all parts of the country. Over a period of years he served as special lecturer in Rutgers University, State Teachers Colleges in Montclair and Paterson, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Newark College of Engineering, in the last-named for 26 consecutive years. An active Episcopal layman, he is a former director of ESCHU, the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, member of the Department of Christian Social Relations and of the Diocesan Council, Episcopal Diocese of Newark, and chairman of its Human Relations Committee.

In 1949, Mr. Lett was honored by Lincoln University, America's oldest Negro institution of higher learning, and in 1960 by Rutgers, the New Jersey State University, each of which conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

The Harvard Educational Review (1945) has published his writings, as have the Southern Workman (1926). The School Executive (1949), Education (1955), Crisis (1947) and the New Jersey Education Bulletin (1949-1951).

The Elizabeth Daily Journal published a series of eight articles on human relations in Europe and the Middle East (1957) and two of his papers appear in Police and Community Relations (1968) a source book edited by faculty of Michigan State University School of Police Administration.

He has been honored for his work by numerous New Jersey and national groups; among them being the N. J. Organization of Teachers which gave him its Merit Award for Opening the Doors of Opportunity, in 1947, and the Jewish War Veterans of Essex County which presented him their Award for Public Service in 1951. The National Council of Negro Women and the U. S. Department of Transportation presented him their Awards for Distinguished Service in Human Relations, in 1957 and 1970 respectively.